

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yuji TOCHIO, et al.

Serial No. 10/643,895

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No. 4672

Filed: August 20, 2003

Examiner: Nathan M. CURS

For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD OF OPTICAL SIGNAL
EXCHANGER

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 8, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, along with the requisite fee for same, is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 8, 2007, which being Sunday renders this amendment timely filed on April 9, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.